



Project Recovery

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**PROJECT RECOVERY OFFERS FREE CRISIS COUNSELING TO
THOSE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA**

Here in Mississippi, many people affected by Hurricane Katrina are looking for peace of mind. Project Recovery has been developed to assist people in finding ways to cope with stress caused by Katrina.

Project Recovery provides free crisis counseling services through community outreach, public education and information and referral. The services are available to people affected directly or indirectly by Hurricane Katrina, such as the local community and family members. The project provides these services throughout affected communities, in remaining shelters, Disaster Recovery Centers and to anyone who requests the services. There will be no medical or financial screening methods to qualify to receive services.

Project Recovery staff are available to individuals, families, community groups, businesses and service organizations at no charge for the purpose of realizing wholeness and coping with the devastation of the hurricane.

Project Recovery is funded through a grant by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The project is a division of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

The Project Recovery helpline is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For assistance, please call 1-866-856-3227.

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